

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

*In Remembrance of Daisy Nolley*

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on February 18, 2022 removed from our midst *Daisy Nolley*, in whose death we have lost a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a leader, kind and devoted member; and

**WHEREAS**, *Daisy Nolley* was born on March 17, 1928 to the late Tommy Lee Britton and Lucille Jones in Birmingham, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nolley moved to Buffalo in the mid-1940s, where she graduated from Hutchinson Technical Central High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Daisy was committed to public service in both her professional and personal life, as she served for 30 years with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Agency, and was a devoted member of the International Free & Accepted Modern Mason, Inc. and a servant to God at the Greater Hope Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nolley served as a Worthy Matron with the Masons and after 45 years of service to the organization, she received the distinct honor of being named as a lifetime honorary member of the International Free & Accepted Modern Mason, Inc. and Order of the Eastern Star, Sons of Solomon & Daughters of District #4; and

**WHEREAS**, Daisy loved the Lord and anyone who was fortunate enough to hear her sing felt that love through her voice, as she was an incredibly accomplished gospel singer; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nolley led many to reach into their spirit with her beautiful hymns, and was foundational in serving the local and national gospel institutions, as she was a charter member of the Buffalo Youth and Young Adult Choir, now known as the Buffalo Choral Society, where she served as president until her passing, and she served across the country for over 60 years as a member and featured soloist with the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses.; and

**WHEREAS**, her singing talents led her to gospel recording career, as she ministered in song with the Gospel Music Workshop of America and many well-known artists such as Shirley Ceaser, Dorothy Norwood, and James Cleveland. Additionally, she was featured on two New Beginnings Choral Ensemble albums, recorded with the Greater Hope Baptist Church Choir, and St. Martin De Porres Roman Catholic Mass Choir; and

**WHEREAS**, Daisy's proudest musical accomplishment was her own solo EP album comprised of traditional gospel songs and hymns accompanied and produced by her daughter Denise Hunter; and

**WHEREAS**, for all of Ms. Holley's musical achievements, she was rightfully recognized for her feats in the documentary, she was featured in the acclaimed documentary "Say Amen Somebody" with national American renowned artist Thomas A. Dorsey, known as the "Father of Gospel Music"; and

**WHEREAS**, Daisy's rewarding life of community and spiritual service was complemented by her amazing hairdressing and sewing skills, as she loved to style her friends and families hair, and was well-known for creating many lavish garments, quilts, uniforms, robes, handkerchiefs, and countless other memorable pieces; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Holley, despite her many commitments to the community and the Lord, was never too busy for her family, as she enjoyed serving them her world-famous her macaroni and cheese and "applebetty" dessert; and

**WHEREAS**, Daisy was preceded in death by one sister, Clara Sease; two children, Lucille Hunter and Darleen Nolley; and two grandchildren, Aneetra Giwa-Osagie and Nikki Hunter; and

**WHEREAS**, her life and legacy will continue to prosper on Earth by her wonderful children, Frederick Nolley (Gwen), Denise Hunter, and Anita Hunter; twelve grandchildren; 76 great and great-great grandchildren; one sister, Jacqueline Ricks; one very close cousin, Reginald Swanson; and very close friend, Fannie Mae "Honeybunch" Riley; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of *Daisy Nolley* and pause in its deliberations to recognize his praiseworthy life and his love of family; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature express its sympathy and condolences to the Nolley family and to the Hunter family, knowing full well that she has received her eternal and glorified reward in Heaven, having heard the consoling words of the Master, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"



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**Hon. April N.M. Baskin**  
*Erie County Legislator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District*